

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, February 23, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, February, 23, 2012 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Lehr, Kissling, Blackgrove, McPherron and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blackgrove seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Courtney Warren, President of Batemans Bay Exploration, out of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, introduced himself and gave the Board an overview of a proposal where the City may possibly buy natural gas from the Luker Well near Stendal. He indicated that he has struck a pocket of "sweet" gas and would like work out a deal with the City to purchase the local high quality natural gas.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor requested the Board's approval to continue negotiations with Batemans Bay and to get our natural gas agent, Ron Ragan of UGM involved.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve to continuing negotiations with Batemans Bay for a possible agreement to purchase local natural gas.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor requested approval to hire David Kissling in the Gas Utility for the open position.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve hiring David Kissling in the Gas Utility.

Traylor requested sending Electric Utility employees Rich Tretter and Todd Fischer to IMEA Transformer Connection Training in Anderson, Indiana for training on March 6, 2012 through March 8, 2012. The total cost is estimated to be \$1,662.70.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve sending Rich Tretter and Todd Fischer to the training noted above.

Traylor requested to set the bid opening date for the 3rd street lot building for March 20, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve setting a public meeting to receive bids for the 3rd Street Utility Building for March 20, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at Huntingburg City Hall.

Traylor presented mowing quotes for the City Office, Old Town Hall, 1st Street Police & Fire Stations and 11th Street Fire Station. The low quote was from Shane Wilson Lawn Care for \$180.00 per mow (\$45.00 x 4 properties). He indicated that the quote would be good for 3 years.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to accept the quote of Shane Wilson Lawn Care as noted above for three years.

Traylor also presented a quote from Shane Wilson Lawn Care to mow the North Electric Substation in the amount of \$255.00 per mow.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to accept the quote of \$255.00 per mow for the 20 acre Electric North Substation property from Shane Wilson Lawn Care for one year.

Traylor presented quotes for directional boring for 2" and 3" bores for underground electric lines. The low quote was from Mark Weisman Trenchless Innovation in the amount of \$4.50 per foot.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to accept the low quote of Mark Weisman Trenchless Innovation in the amount of \$4.50 per foot of directional boring.

Traylor informed the Board that he and John Reutepohler were working on trying to do more tree trimming in house.

Traylor indicated that he has been in contact with Jim Powers, Manager of the Indiana Water Fluoridation Program, to present the State's position on water fluoridation. Traylor noted that he is hopeful that Mr. Powers can make the March 22, 2012 Utility Board meeting and bring with him the head of the Indiana Dentist Association to address the Board.

Traylor presented a letter to the Utility Board requesting consideration for adding an Assistant Utility Superintendent position and a job description of the proposed position. There was discussion of the position. More time was desired to review the situation.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove to table the Assistant Utility Superintendent position issue pending further review.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel noted that this is the date, time and place for the public hearing on the additional appropriation of \$20,000 for the Unsafe Building Fund. He noted that the ordinance was previously introduced as Ordinance No. 2012-08.

The Mayor opened the hearing and asked if anyone has any comments on or questions about the additional appropriation.

No comments were received.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-08 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
THE 2012 BUDGET YEAR**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-08 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 Nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-08 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 8:10 P.M.

The Mayor summarized a proposed ordinance for an additional appropriation in the EDIT Fund in the amount of \$75,000. The additional appropriation would appropriate \$50,000 for the St. Josephs LLC, grant approved in 2011, and \$25,000 for a study for a proposed I-67 highway project.

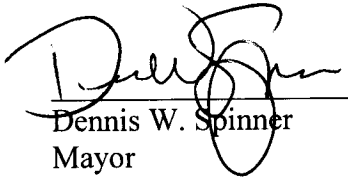
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2012-12 entitled:

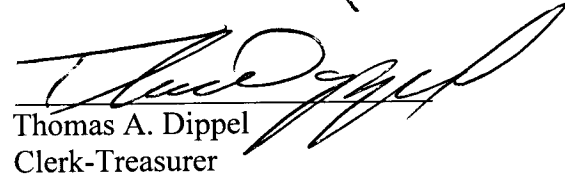
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THE 2012 BUDGET YEAR**

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to set a public hearing for the additional appropriation referred to in Ordinance No. 2012-12 for March 22, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

Jeff Summers addressed the Council with concerns of the proposed splash park near the City pool. He indicated the Park Board had already approved the location of the splash park and is concerned about possible changes.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kissling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor

Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer